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A celebration of achievement:

The Haliburton Highlands Music Festival once again provided young musicians with the opportunity to let the community know how much they have accomplished during their solitary hours of practice over the past year. Above, the Haliburton County Children's Choir performs at the Haliburton United Church while at right, Barb Fraser and her daughter Tamara Poropat look over some music at the Haliburton Legion. More photos and story on page 8.



Murder suspect found in Highlands

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A first-degree murder suspect's run from police ended on a remote road in the Highlands before dawn Saturday.

Toronto homicide detectives are crediting the Minden OPP with helping them nab the suspect on a "long-shot" tip.

"They just did an excellent, excellent job," said Metro Toronto Police Detective John Line. "I can't commend them enough. We would have never caught him. We just had some information and they followed it up and were able to get him

for us."

The 41-year-old Toronto man has been charged with first-degree murder in the March 1 slaying of a Scarborough woman reported missing the previous day.

Metro Toronto Police issued a Canada-wide warrant for the accused after finding Sandra Quigley, 32, dead in her apartment.

Acting on a tip, Det. Line notified Minden OPP on Friday that the suspect might be in the Highlands area. He told the detachment to be on the look out for a man in a new, green Buick Sunfire.

Saturday at about 5 a.m.

Minden OPP Constable Boyd Jarvis became suspicious when he spotted a man in a car nearly matching the description parked off Highway 118 near Carnarvon. Upon closer examination, Const. Jarvis discovered the car had been painted and its licence plate number had been altered.

The officer was able to arrest the suspect without incident and turn him over to Toronto's homicide squad.

"It was a long shot ... and less than 24 hours later they had him," said Det. Line.

He gave special credit to Const. Jarvis for his "excellent work" on the case.

Village's police support group to disband

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The volunteer association that serves as an extra set of eyes and hands for the police in Haliburton will disband in the spring.

Members of the Haliburton Police Support Association decided last week they no longer have enough volunteers to continue.

The association, the first of its kind in the county and one of the first police support groups in rural Ontario, will disband on May 3, said its chair, John Miller.

"Largely, it's because of the numbers. We find we don't have enough people to do what we want to do or what we're expected to do," he said. The association was founded several years ago in response to a growing number of break-ins in the Haliburton area and incidents of people being harassed as they walked through Head Lake Park, said Miller.

Volunteers carry out regular night-time patrols through the village and report any suspicious behaviour to the Minden OPP.

In addition to assisting police with many activities, association members also help community groups and businesses by co-ordinating traffic control at events, such as parades, Midnight Madness or the Rotary Mile.

Initially, there was a lot of interest and enthusiasm in the association, said Miller. At one point it had about 40 active vol-

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Former pairs champion Paul Martini is skating into Haliburton on Wednesday

SKATING FANS will be thrilled to know that Paul Martini will be coaching young figure skaters at the Dysart arena on Wednesday morning from 9 to 11. Martini and his equally popular partner, Barbara Underhill, were one of Canada's top figure skating pairs, representing Canada on the world scene for several years. His visit to the Highlands is courtesy of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club.

An e-mailed request for information evolved into a friendly series of correspondence with Soyer's Lake cottager Bill Mashtalar. Sadly, the initial request had a sad origin - his wife, Marilyn, died on November 16 and he wanted to contact old friends to let them know. But talking about why their Highlands cottage was so important to them led to some delightful stories. In one e-mail he wrote: "Sam Hambly of Camp Allsaw fame was my teacher in Grade 8 at Runnymede Public School in Toronto. I used to ride my bicycle to their 'acres' on weekends where, under the guise of lessons on ecology, Sam had me and the other students from his class working in his garden. That was in the early to late Fifties. Imagine if you will, our surprise when I saw Sam and his (late) wife Marjorie after buying our property on Soyer's Lake. The first year, we were building our cottage when Marilyn, two friends and I were shingling the roof. This was in November, and during the weekend, it had snowed lightly. I was somewhat disappointed that this now precluded anyone climbing on the roof as it was too slippery. Not to fear! Somehow, Sam heard of our plight and, having his counsellors at the camp for a weekend, he marched them over with brooms, a makeshift ladder and enthusiasm to clear the roof of snow. Picture if you will, about a half dozen bodies marching down our driveway. Well, in spite of their efforts, it was decided to leave the shingling until the following year, as the roof was still too slippery and the shingles too stiff. There are a lot of memories in that place, one may well imagine." If any of our readers would like to contact Mr. Mashtalar, his address is 53 Allendale Road, Brampton, Ont., L6W 2Y7 and his e-mail address is bilmar@sympatico.ca.

Congratulations to Mark Stamp, a former Haliburton Husky who was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Honour Roll for his recent performance with the Mercyhurst College hockey team. In the first game in the ECAC West playoffs against Elmira College, the West Guilford native scored the

game's first goal and added two helpers for his Erie, Pennsylvania team. Then during Friday night's game, he scored the winning goal. Altogether he's earned eight goals and nine assists. Unfortunately, Mercyhurst lost Saturday night's game and is out of the playoffs. Mark is the son of Lyle and Carol Stamp, who was in the States to watch the game, of West Guilford.

Congratulations also to the young public speaker, Malorie Jo Gilbert of Haliburton, whose first-place win in Sunday's storytelling competition at the Coboconk Legion means she will advance to the Legion's district competition in Oshawa on March 27. We wish her luck - and lots of fun.

In the directory of emergency numbers in last week's Senior Life edition, an incorrect phone number was given for the Glamorgan Fire Department. The correct number to call if you have a fire in Glamorgan is 447-2424.

Families of people who have suffered brain injuries have a lot to cope with, and luckily, the Four Counties Brain Injury is there to help. It offers several services to families, including those in Highlands, such as support meetings, supported independent living programs, computer training, prevention and awareness activities, a resource library and social opportunities. To help cover the costs of such programs, the Association is embarking on a "Five Bucks a Head" fundraising campaign, asking everyone to contribute \$5. If you'd like to help, please call 705-741-1172 or write 440 Water St., Peterborough, Ont., K9H 7K6.

During the March Break, Trent University will be holding two open houses to let students discover what the Peterborough institution has to offer. Events on March 15 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., include formal and self-guided tours, a complimentary lunch, information sessions and classroom demonstrations. For information, call Georgina Galloway at 705-748-1662.

The much-anticipated performance of the British Columbia Boys Choir will be Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. The Choir's repertoire is a demanding one, spanning several centuries from chant to contemporary works, but it's proven it's more than ready for the challenge. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, with special rates available for groups of five or more. Tickets are available by calling 705-324-5944.

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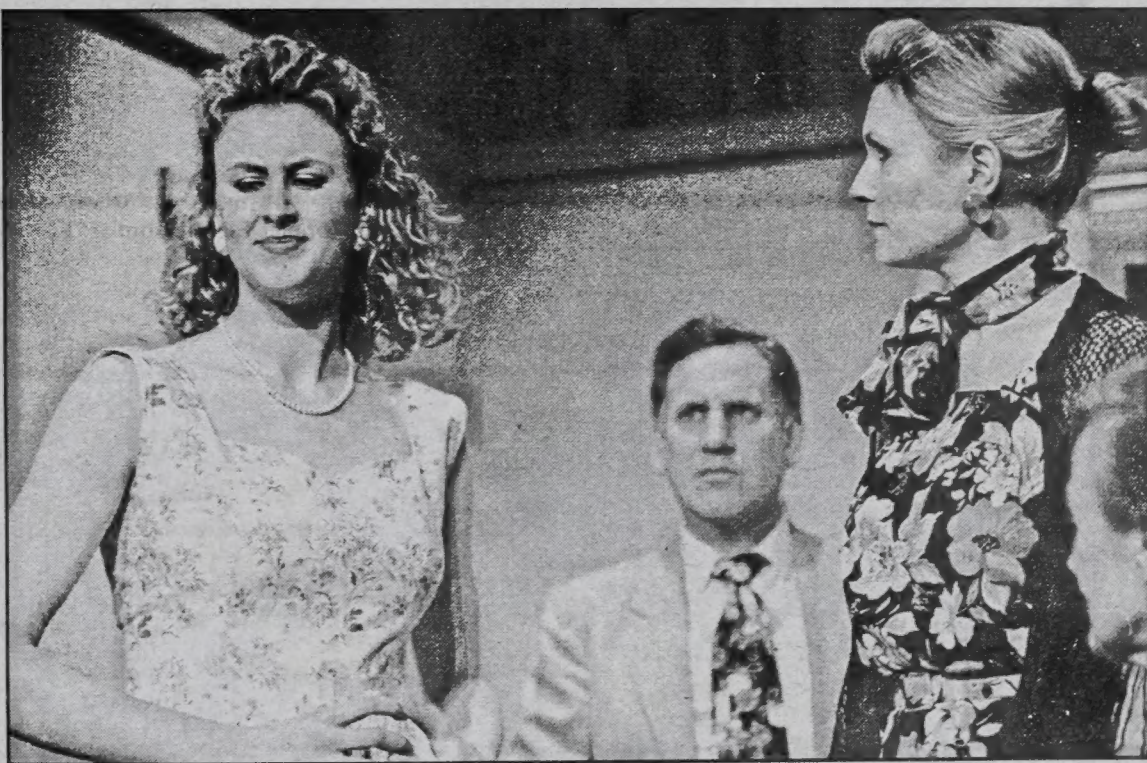
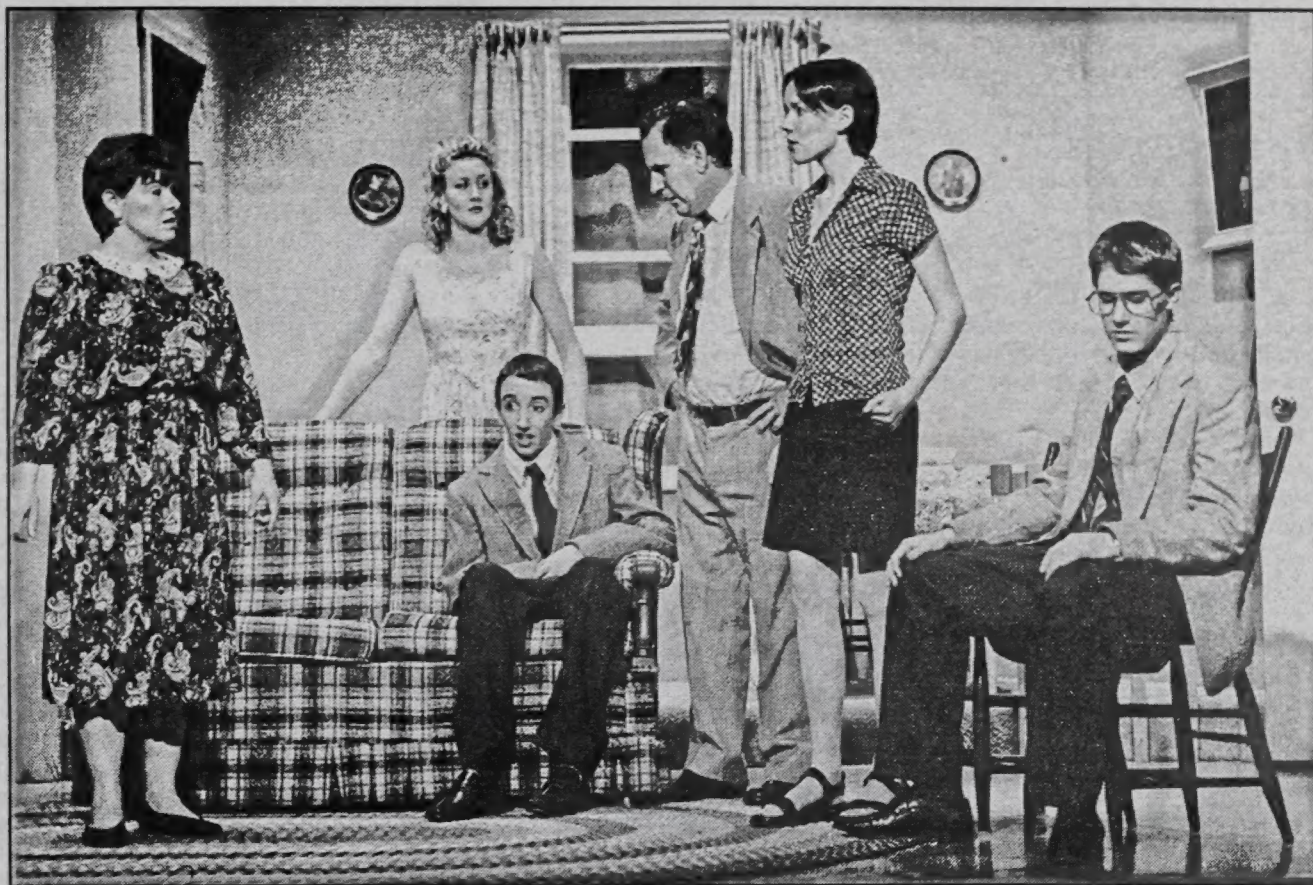
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JUNE Groom

There were a few jitters as the Highlands Little Theatre presented this light-hearted comedy at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last weekend - many of the actors discovered they weren't immune to the 'flu bug going around. The cast overcame these challenges admirably, delighting the audiences in the process.



Directed by DOUG BROHM

Photographs by MARTHA PERKINS



As an ensemble, the cast worked very well together, timing their cues, and the laughs, with precision. Most of the cast appears in the tableau, top right: Donna Gagnon, Kate Campbell, Chris Ratz, Tom Robinson, Camilla Pettit and Mike Johnson. Other cast members included Eleanor Cooper, holding Camilla in a hammer hold at above right, Suzanne Haedicke, showing temporary sympathy, second from right above, and Cathy Cox, scolding Kate, centre at right

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Cleaner scares off thieves at county office

■ *Rash of break-ins appear similar but may not be linked: police*

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

A rash of break-ins at area businesses appear suspiciously similar, but police say they have no evidence to connect them at this time.

Last week thieves hit two businesses on Minden's main street and tried to rob the nearby county municipal office, but

were apparently scared away by the night cleaner.

Two weeks earlier, thieves made off with computers and other office items from two businesses on Haliburton's main street. Police believe those robberies, at Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants and ReMax Realty, are linked.

A few nights earlier there was a break-in at Varty's Jewelry in Haliburton.

In last week's Minden break-ins, thieves stole an undisclosed amount of cash from the Butcher's Shop and an adjoining store, Country Fabric.

Minden OPP say the thieves entered the butcher's through a rear window and were then able to break into the fabric store through an internal door shared by the two businesses.

The break-in occurred some time late March 1 or early in the morning on March 2.

Not far away, the county office on Newcastle St. was broken into on March 2.

It appears thieves were preparing to make off with computer equipment and other items when the cleaner walked in for his shift at about 10:20 p.m. and interrupted them.

The cleaner heard banging noises from downstairs and went to investigate. When he got downstairs he heard a door slam at the rear of the building, say police.

Outside he discovered suspects' tracks leading north over a fence, where he found a computer hook-up cable.

Constable Laura Ostler said it's difficult to say whether the

crimes are linked to each other and to the Haliburton business break-ins.

"It just seems it's the same type of stuff they're taking ... Right now, there isn't anything that really indicates they are

connected, but it's suspicious. It almost seems as if there is a crew out there (targeting businesses)."

Police are continuing their investigation into the break-ins.

Two young children airlifted to Toronto after Miners Bay accident

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Two young children from Australia were airlifted to a Toronto hospital on Monday morning after the vehicle in which they were passengers collided with an OPP vehicle.

Eight-year-old Kyle Resnick

and his five-year-old sister Lauren are now at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children with undisclosed critical injuries.

Their mother, 32-year-old Beatrix Campioni of Australia, sustained non-life-threatening injuries and as of yesterday afternoon was at Minden Hospital.

Campioni was driving a Ford sport utility vehicle on Hwy. 35 in Miners Bay when the head-on collision with the OPP vehicle occurred at 6:30 in the morning.

The OPP driver, 45-year-old Karen Fell of the Huntsville detachment, sustained minor injuries and was also taken to Minden Hospital.

The highway was closed for most of the day as members of the Minden/Coboconk OPP investigated the accident.

No further information was available at press time.

Volunteers tire; new ones don't step forward

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unteers.

But the number of volunteers, especially younger ones, has declined.

"It's a boring job because your job is to go out there and be noticed so nothing happens. And when nothings happens, it's boring. I think the young people got bored with it," Miller said.

At last week's meeting when the decision was made to disband the association there were nine members present.

"That was a large turnout. Sometimes there are only two or three people at meetings," Miller said.

The association's rules require volunteers to patrol the village in pairs, but declining membership has made it impossible some times to find two people to organize a patrol.

The small number of volunteers remaining are beginning to feel burned out, Miller said.

"Quite a number of us have been there the full seven or eight years we've been doing this. We need new blood and new ideas."

If a new group of volunteers comes forward to replace the police support association, Miller said existing members would gladly pass on the knowledge and experience they've developed over the past several years.

"Our feeling is not that we're deserting the ship, but that we're stepping aside for another group of people to come in."

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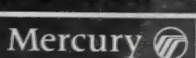
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FISHERY FUNDING:

Riding MPP Chris Hodgson, second from right, presents Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey the first installment of a \$120,000 grant the province is giving local partners working to rehabilitate a walleye spawning ground in Haliburton as HHSS teacher Dave Mowat, left, and the MNR's David Flowers look on. Dysart has agreed to administer the funding for a steering committee.

**Minden MNR biologist honoured by OFAH**

A Minden MNR biologist has won an important provincial conservation award.

The winner of the 1998 Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' R. G. Morgan Professional Conservation Award is a man who exemplifies the word dedication, says the OFAH.

Haliburton's David Flowers is also described as a person who has been instrumental in developing one of the most productive fish culturing stations in Central Ontario.

Flowers, a long-time employee of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, has contributed enormously to fish and wildlife management. He has worked closely with conservation clubs, schools, and other citizens' groups.

"David is an exemplary MNR employee and a well-respected member of the local community. He deserves special recognition for his genuine interest and outstanding commitment to natural resource management," said Larry Hewitt, president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

Flowers' efforts have been described as essential to the success of many programs. He was readily available to assist if problems arose at local fish hatchery operations, he led workshops on fish culture, and coordinated and assisted in many Community Fisheries Involvement Programs.

Walleye spawning project nets big grant**PETER DOWNS**

Staff Reporter

A large grant from the province will give a group of partners the boost they need to rehabilitate the county's largest walleye spawning ground.

Riding MPP Chris Hodgson announced \$120,000 in funding for the project last week, on behalf of Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen.

The money will help partners, led by Haliburton high school teachers Dave Mowat and Derek Little, along with their students, restore spawning beds in the Drag River as it winds through Haliburton.

Plans also call for the extension of Head Lake Park along the river as far as the dam at Pine St. The park will include an interpretive walkway to educate visitors about the surrounding environment.

While the cost of the overall project will exceed the province's grant, the funding will help the steering committee

overseeing the work secure additional sponsorship from other partners.

Hodgson presented the first installment of the funding, \$30,000, at a lunch Mowat and Little organized Friday at Birch Point Lodge to honour the many partners helping in the project. The remaining \$90,000 will be delivered in the spring.

Hodgson told the audience the work the high school is doing and the efforts the HHOA are taking at their trout hatchery will help improve the county's overall fishery.

Not only does the environment benefit, but also the Highlands' tourism-driven economy gains, he said.

He also said he was very pleased that the high school is involved in the rehabilitation project.

"I know we have the community will (to carry it out). We just needed the catalyst to make it happen, and you guys did it," Hodgson said, referring to Mowat and Little.

The two teachers began to develop the idea of restoring the

important spawning ground after students monitoring area lakes found many of the walleye eggs laid at the site were dying.

Erosion and dirt washing into the river from nearby roads and parking lots was covering the spawning beds with silt, killing the eggs.

Last fall, together with volunteers from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and MNR staff, the school rehabilitated a section of the spawning area below the bridge on Hwy. 121, but much more work needs to be done further up the river below the dam.

The steering committee overseeing the project has hired an environmental engineering firm, Mississauga-based Easterling Technologies, to prepare detailed plans for the two-year project.

Company president Mike Clarke said he was impressed by the partnerships behind the project, particularly with the student involvement.

Students from the high school will remain a "cornerstone" in

the work, he said.

Some students will be able to work on the rehabilitation project through the summer and get paid through government-run employment programs, said Clarke.

One of the main components of the project will be stabilizing the banks of the river to prevent soil from falling onto the spawning areas. The banks will be stepped and landscaped.

Benches and seating areas will be built along the nature path for visitors to relax in the park.

"It has potential to be quite a picturesque spot," said Clarke.

The project should take two years to complete.

Mowat thanked Hodgson for his efforts to help move the project from the drawing board to reality.

"There's no way we could do it without your political and financial support, but more importantly your philosophical support," he said.

Mowat also credited the many partners in the project and supporters for their assistance.

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Mental illness – or the ways in which it manifests itself – touches upon people's deepest anxieties. Cancer is something they can understand: a tumour, an operation, perhaps chemotherapy and hopefully, a cure. Mental illness represents the unknown: darkest despair, unexplainable mood swings, suicide attempts, drug therapy and a life-long affliction that is controlled, not cured. Indeed, it's everyone's image of the worst nightmare.

Yet mental illness is sometimes simply about chemicals in the brain, which touches off even more fear. Our brain – our feelings, our thoughts, our memories – is who we are. How can it be reduced to a series of chemical reactions?

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Since we don't know how to react to someone with a mental illness – after all, their behaviour can indeed sometimes seem bizarre and not a little unnerving – we often react badly. The preference is to not deal with mental illness, and those who suffer from it, at all. Opinions vacillate widely, depending on the circumstances. A person who is homeless because of mental illness gets society's sympathy and demands for solutions. A person who pushes someone into an oncoming subway because of a mental illness gets society's loathing and calls for retribution.

There has to be a better way.

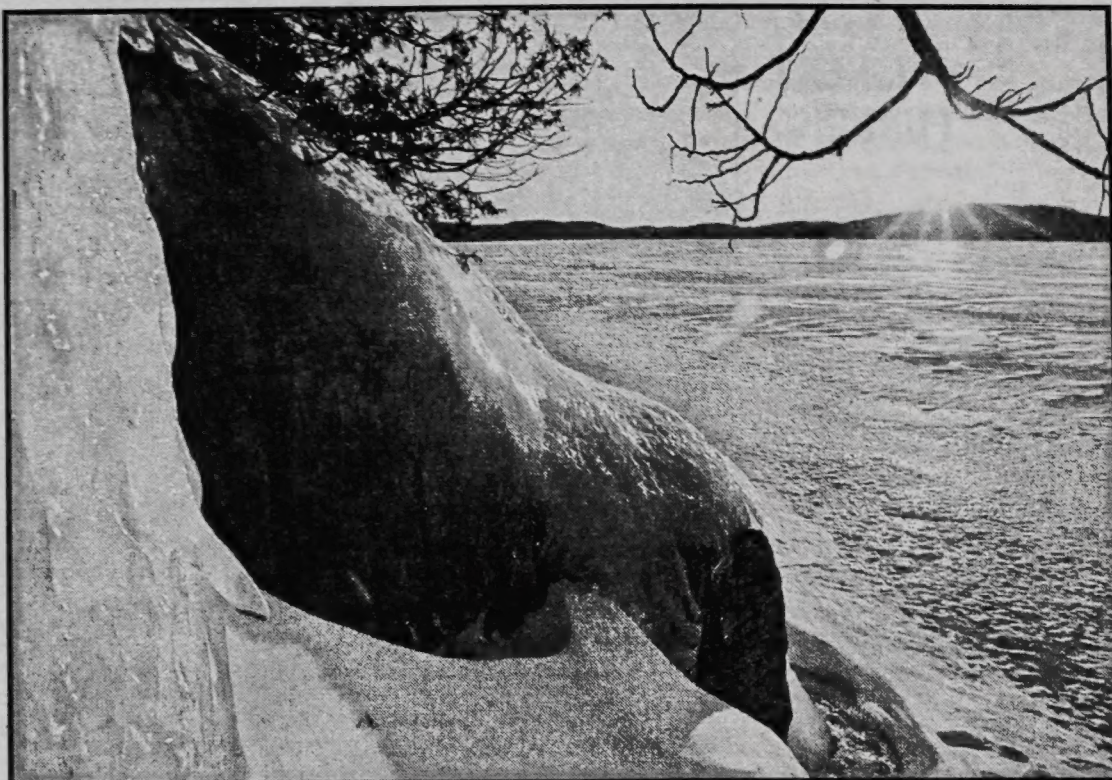
A group of local residents who have mental illness want to break down some of the stereotypes. Realizing that their illness often prevents them from holding down a full-time job, they want to create a job that takes their mental illness into account. Other groups have paved the way, from developing courier, gardening housecleaning services, to manufacturing. As a video of successful ventures said, they give people with mental illness a supportive work environment, not supported work.

Think of how much better we all feel if we're contributing members of our family and society. Work (either inside or outside the home) gives us a purpose, and a feeling of satisfaction when we accomplish a task. It gets us out and about, meeting other people, developing friendships, exploring the community.

These people want to work, but they may not be able to fit in to a "normal" work environment. Perhaps they're most creative and energetic at three in the morning; perhaps their medication makes them tired and they can only work for an hour a day. They accept the parameters placed on their lives because of mental illness, but they want to ensure they live within those parameters to the fullest.

Anyone with ideas, space or business knowledge is asked to help this group get a business off the ground. The business might not make a profit immediately, but the people involved will profit from a renewed sense of self-esteem and worthiness. They will both feel and be more accepted in the wider community. And of course, since the group will be contributing a service or a product, the wider community will benefit as well.

Isn't this better than trying to ignore the realities in our midst?



Drag Lake

by Len Pizzezy

letters to the editor

Community still needs to dig deep for heart catheter lab

To the Editor:

On December 4, 1998, the Minister of Health announced that Peterborough Regional Health Centre (formerly Civic Hospital and St. Joseph's Health Centre) would be the site of a new cardiac catheterization lab which would serve Durham Region and the Counties of Haliburton, North Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria. This announcement was met with great relief by those of us who have spent the last two years thinking about almost nothing else.

Locating a catheter lab in Peterborough means that the lab will be in the region's geographical centre and no one will have to travel more than one hour, one way, to obtain cardiac care. In addition, the decision reflects the disproportionate number of older people living in our region.

Having cardiac care in Peterborough also means the hospital will finally be recognized for what it is, a regional health care centre. The spinoff results are that we will not have to struggle so hard to have the services we deserve, such as better diagnostic imaging equipment, neo-natal care and orthopaedic surgical equipment, to name a few. Efforts to attract specialists to the area will improve and once they come,

general practitioners generally follow. So the decision was the right one to make.

The problem is, the decision wasn't made for those reasons. If it hadn't been for the persistent, dogged determination of Chris Hodgson, Gary Stewart, Dr. Doug Galt and Harry Danford, (four of our MPPs), and the last minute personal intervention by the Premier, we wouldn't have the approval. So even though there were compelling medical reasons for locating a lab in Peterborough, the final decision was made in our favour because the politicians overruled the entrenched bureaucracy. As it should be. Government are elected to govern, not to be governed.

The decision makers at Queen's Park must understand that there is life beyond the 905 border. We have real needs and a pretty strong voice, if you care to listen.

The battle is not over yet. We have approval for the operating funds and we anticipate that the Ministry will accept the decision with grace and work with Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) to have the lab up and running in 1999.

But we, as a community, still have work to do. We have \$500,000 of the \$1.9-million goal to raise over the next two or three months. If you haven't given, think about what having

cardiac care close to home will do for you.

For all of you who have been unwavering in your support, thank you. If you haven't made a donation yet, please consider doing so over the next month or so.

Donations can be made by cheque, Mastercard or Visa to: The Heart Catheter Campaign, c/o The Community Health Services Foundation, P. O. Box 814, 326 George Street North, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7A2. Phone: 1-888-321-4111, fax: (705) 743-2422.

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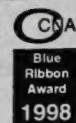


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For the love of ...

MANY YEARS AGO, my mother took me to see the Broadway musical "A Chorus Line" and I loved it. The plot and story line are not important, but one of my favourite songs in the play contains these lyrics:

"Kiss today good-bye,
And point me toward tomorrow,
We did what we had to do,
Won't forget,
Can't regret
What I did for love!"

The song is entitled "What I Did for Love" and anyone who attended the Saturday afternoon sessions of the Highland Music Festival knows exactly what I am talking about.

It all started when my two darling piano playing children came home from their lesson and asked if I would play a duet with them in the upcoming music festival. I am not a piano player. I did take lessons many years ago but am not what any-

one would call "A Natural". I started fairly late, had a teacher who would rap my knuckles with a ruler and a step-father who discouraged practising so that he could hear the news on TV.

Not that I'm making excuses! I tend to tinkle away at my own speed in the privacy of my own home and had never really entertained the thought of entertaining on the instrument. So when my kids made their request, I was touched but truthfully thought I



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could pass the task off onto my husband, who has a much better ear and far more talent.

Imagine my surprise when he balked and said "No", he wouldn't be comfortable playing in front on so many people, etc, etc. Like that was an option for me! The kids were crushed and I, of course, couldn't stand it. It wasn't as though they were asking for a new game for their Play Station or to have a week of sleep-over parties. They were asking me to give something of myself to do something with them. How could I say no?

We started rehearsing, what now seems like ages ago. I must tell you, the kids have just started taking lessons and have taken to them like a duck to water. They love to play, experiment and yes, most of the time, practise. I was slightly daunted when I heard what I was to play but my teacher was a trooper and assured me that I would get it fine.

When everyone was out, I would sit and play and count and play and count until, bar by bar, I was making progress. That is until I had to play with my partners. Don't forget, there were two kids who beseechingly asked me to play with them. That meant two pieces (my other favourite song from a musical is "What Kind of Fool Am I?").

Slowly, very slowly, our teacher put us together and kept going back to our problem spots until one day a couple of weeks ago, we all looked at each other and said, "Hey this is pretty good!" I wasn't feeling too bad and then the Festival arrived.

As the day of our performance drew nearer, I practised harder and harder. I was ready when the day came - or so I thought. When we arrived on the afternoon of our session, I suddenly was gripped by fear. What could I have been thinking? I can't play the piano myself, let alone with anyone else. I was hot and cold at the same time. My hands were trembling and I had developed a twitch in my leg that wouldn't quit.

This was stupid. I have performed hundreds of times in my life. I've been in any number of plays, given speeches, sung in choirs and I'd never felt like this. I looked around at my performing comrades, other parents, and I noticed they all had the same look as I did. The kids didn't look anything but pleased to be there, but the parents were all slightly panic-stricken. Then it dawned on me what the difference was this time. I wanted so badly to be perfect for my kids. I wanted to play my best ever so that they would shine, too. I just didn't want to screw it up for them.

I won't go into what happened next. Suffice it to say I've had better performances. We laughed on the way home and both my darlings said "Don't worry Mom, we can start now for next year." After all that, they still wanted me to play with them! I can't tell you how that made me feel.

We are so lucky to have this wonderful festival to let our young people know how much music can bring to their lives. It is a wonderful experience for them and yes, for us too. To all of my fellow performers of Saturday afternoon I say, "Good On You!"

The longest five minutes (or less) of our lives will last a lifetime in family memories. It was fun and I wouldn't trade a moment. I can say this since next year, it really will be Dad's turn.



pic of the past

Ray Scott's love of cars is evident in this photo - and his present-day involvement in the local vintage car club. In this photo, taken in 1942 in front of Curry Motors, where Haliburton Valu-Mart stands today. The Haliburton resident poses with his wife Bernice in front of Neale Woodcock's Nash car. Our thanks to Phyllis Woodcock for sharing this photo with us.

Keeping up with the Joneses is costly

MONEY MAY NOT be the root of all evil but it certainly has become the guiding principle in our lives - increasingly so as the century comes to a close.

The hectic pace of daily life, the emphasis on career choices for our young, the material acquisitiveness that affects ever younger buyers - underlying it all is the accumulation and distribution of money. One of the most pervasive directing forces that has contributed to this mind set is the power of advertising.

The roots of the most effective methodologies for present day advertising spring from a relatively new discipline in university studies, Social Science, with the increasing emphasis on human behaviour patterns. It has grown exponentially since mid-century.

These studies which probe into those individual characteristics that in any given time and/or place are common to the majority, have given advertising formulators amazing tools by which to convince us that we need what they sell. We the public have remained throughout the years astonishingly naive and gullible. We are their pawns. Our gullibility drives the money machine. How?

Their many surveys and polls and learned papers have made obvious that in North America we are motivated to keep up with the Joneses and not only do we wish to keep up but will work to be one up on the Joneses. That common trait alone has fueled our economies and frazzled its citizens with increasing success.

Because we must work harder to



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create more buying power, we seek greater efficiencies in our daily life. We thus have lost daily interaction with other members of our community since no longer must we shop daily for our sustenance. In the process we have managed to pockmark our cityscapes with huge, characterless shopping malls. And we continue to be willing to be convinced that these amenities are essential for "the good life."

The analyzers of our communal psyche have likewise managed to convince us that with each passing year we NEED to surround ourselves with objects that are ever bigger, faster, more efficient. We have fulfilled the creative inventors' wildest dreams because what they can create, the advertising moguls can convince us we need. We work longer and harder to buy and in so doing have increasingly less time to enjoy what we work so hard to obtain.

As a society, have we no longer a sense of balance? Somehow during the last 50 years we have also been conned into thinking that what we had as children will just not be sufficient to retain our chil-

dren's interest. For example, for at least a hundred years children in the snow on our continent thrilled to sled rides down hills. With no essential changes in the equipment the need to buy was only to replace a broken sled.

Not so now. New winter sports, of course needing new equipment, are being trumpeted yearly. A necessity only to those whose livelihood depends upon our willingness to acquiesce to the idea that new, different, faster, equates with a better way of life.

Perhaps we are beginning to stir from our long sleep of gullibility. Lake associations are beginning to question the need for jet skis whose value is in the thrills and whose detriment is its constant raucous noise. When such are being banned in some states' National Parks, just perhaps a glimmer of sanity is appearing.

When young couples buying houses now reject the necessity of many touted "essential" amenities because of the cost in time and money of their maintenance, perhaps a new generation is beginning to emerge that will question the fallacies of advertising logic as it pertains to their individual lives.

But don't hold your breath. The tacticians will soon be on to these latest trends of decreasing desires for the biggest and the best and the newest and the fastest. They'll find a way to put a new spin on our desires and convince us once more that at the very least it is our duty as citizens to BUY.

Marion Hare, a Haliburton resident, will be writing for Perspectives during Lon Duncombe's sabbatical.

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Festival celebrates the joy, and jitters, of making music



Piano adjudicator Judianne Schoen hands certificates and ribbons to some of the young performers

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A PIANIST'S LIFE can be a lonely one. All those hours of practice, alone. All those songs to learn, alone. All those times off to the corner as the heard-but-not-seen accompaniment to someone else's performance, alone.

And to be a pianist in a "hockey town", well... Wouldn't you love it if someone wrote a story about the time you finally beat all those tricky eighth notes in the Schubert piece that had become your nemesis!

To their delight, and also their jitters, for three days last week, pianists and other young musicians had the welcomed opportunity to come out of the shadows and share their music with others.

Of course, during the 3rd



Judianne Schoen listens to a piano performance

annual Haliburton Highlands Music Festival there were times when the young pianist had to face the crowd and the adjudicator alone. But there were also chances to be part of a duet - including a fun parent/child category - and trios.

Above all, all the perfor-

mances were in front of people who were gathered to celebrate their achievements in a very public and appreciative way.

"The support that parents and friends show for the performers is one of the joys of the Festival"

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Nicholas and Christopher Greaves play duet in the parent and child category



Woodwind, brass and vocal adjudicator Don McKellar offers his comments

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Scholarships encourage studies

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said Echo publisher Len Pizze, principal sponsor of the festival and a member of the organizing committee.

"It's wonderful to see the performers improve every year, and because the festival is not competitive, everyone can do their best and be proud of their performances, even if they don't go quite as well in front of the audience as they did at home," said Pizze.

Although piano performances, adjudicated by Judianne Schoen, a faculty member of the Royal Conservatory of Music who used her comments as a way to both encourage and educate the young musicians, comprised half of the Festival, the first day and a half were dedicated to other musical forms.

On Thursday and Friday at the Haliburton United Church, various choirs, woodwind ensembles and string ensembles gathered to perform in front of Donald McKellar, a well-respected professor at the University of Western Ontario.

The groups, ranging from those in elementary school to

those more accustomed to performing only in front of their church's congregation, also demonstrated the happy outcome of many hours of practice. (Practising with a group isn't as lonely as practising at home alone, however...)

As a celebration of achievement rather than a competition of skills, no firsts, seconds or thirds were awarded. Instead, each performer received a certificate and invaluable comments from the adjudicator.

As well, some of the performers were chosen by the adjudicators to perform in Sunday's Festival Highlights Concert: Archie Stouffer Elementary School Brass Quintet, Claire Flatman, Laura and John Stouffer, Marina Sharp, the HHSS Flute Choir, Reuben Maughan and Conrad Flatman, Haliburton County Children's Choir, Kaija Siirala, Dylan Powers, Kate Campbell, Rachel Regina, Zion United Church Junior Choir, Jocelyn Regina, Alaina Benoit, Myles Nicholson

and Brian and William Tink.

After the concert, the following were presented with scholarships, which have been made possible thanks to the overwhelming generosity of Highlands residents, cottagers and businesses: William Tink, Brian Tink, Dylan Powers, Aliana Benoit, Reuben Maughan, Ainsley Hoare, Lisa Park, HHSS Flute Choir, HHSS Music Program, JDHES Music Program, ASES Music Program, Kate Campbell, Marina Sharp, Jocelyn Regina, Ashley Sharpe, St. George's Church Choir, Gentlemen of Song, Haliburton County Children's Choir, Eagle Lake Community Church Choir, Zion United Junior Choir, Miles Nicholson, Conrad Flatman, Laura Stouffer, Micah Smith, Josh Wales, Kaija Siirala, Rachel Regina, Claire Flatman, Angela Barnett, Jill Lewis, Adrian Martin, Tina Costeloe, Karl Kadwell, Victoria Campbell, Caeleb Campbell, Devon McConnell, Max Creelman and Emily Roberts.



Dressed up bears: Ten teddy bears will be dressed up by local artisans just in time to be auctioned off on July 24 as a fund raised for the Guild of Fine Arts. There will also be ten decorative painted bears awaiting bidders at the annual Guild art auction. Posing with some undressed bears at Teddy Time in Haliburton are organizers Bev Muir and Virginia Urquhart

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The facility is to be called:

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The logo will be used on programs, letterhead, envelopes, business cards, and signage. It must therefore be "readable" in a wide variety of sizes. Designs are limited to two colours; however, screens of those colours may be used.

Submissions should include designs for letterhead and business cards (actual size) and for a large sign (on paper no smaller than 8.5" by 11").

Submissions need not be camera-ready at this stage. Negotiations will be conducted with the creator of the selected design for a fee and for provision of the final design in formats suitable for printing.

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Basketball juniors split games in school's 1st home tournament

JAMIE READ

HHSS Co-op Student

Last Wednesday, the high school junior basketball team

hosted the Kawartha championships for the first time ever in the new and improved gymnasium.

The excitement was high and anticipation from the cheering

fans was tense. Basketball coach Paul Longo says, "the atmosphere was probably comparable to the Air Canada Centre."

The boys played a remarkable game against Clark high school from Newcastle. From the moment of the tip-off, Haliburton dominated all aspects of the game. Team players Adam Thorn, B.J. Fowler, and Kyle Cloutier gathered huge rebounds, Matt McElwain controlled the action from the point guard position, and Brent Bolger sunk four very important foul shots in the dying minutes of the game.

"Brent played his most inspired game of the year," says coach Longo.

The entire team played with passion and persistence which helped them achieve their win over Clark with a final score of 45-33.

With this win under its belts, Haliburton was now in the finals and set to play Lakefield. Unfortunately, due to the impending storm, the cheering fans and students were forced to leave the game early to catch their buses, so the crowd deteriorated and the lack of fan support put its toll on the defending



PUMPED UP:

Before an enthusiastic crowd, Haliburton high school's junior Red Hawk basketball team beat Clark Secondary School 45-33 to kick-off the school's first home tournament Wednesday, but lost to Lakefield in the finals.

champs.

The team came out flat in the first half, but managed to roll in with more muscle in the second half, but despite hard playing and team strategy, they lost 40-33.

Coach Longo is not discouraged from the loss though because the juniors had such an encouraging season with equal-

ly talented players, and looks forward to seeing his team dominate next season.

Longo would like to congratulate Matt McElwain, Adam Thorn, Josh Belcher, Kyle Cloutier, B.J. Fowler, Brad Gaully, Andrew, Dave Bloomfield, Rob, Brent Bolger, Ian Duncomb, Sidney, and Jeremy.

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Young curlers nearly place at Ontario championship bonspiel

by LISE AINSLEY

Our kids were proudly holding their Haliburton sign as they were piped onto the ice along with 96 other curling teams from all over the province. Then a ribbon cutting ceremony announced the games officially opened for the 11th Teranet Provincial Elementary School Curling Competition which was held this year in Sudbury and Copper Cliff, February 25 - 28.

Day #1: The first game was played at 7 a.m. against a Kleinberg team and was won

taking all six ends. Game #2 was won against Vanastra, 5 - 4.

Day #2: Game #3 was tied up by Midland and a draw closest to the button by the skips was to determine the winning team. The first and second attempt were a bit too heavy and went through the house. It was on the third try that we fell just a little short and that all four players of the opposing team managed to sweep their rock hard to get a biter onto the front ring for the win. Game #4 we won against Oshawa 6 - 5. Game #5 we lost against Nobel 8 - 7.

After every game the curlers

would share a snack, exchange club pins and make new friends.

I wish to thank our sponsors, the Haliburton Curling Club, The Royal Canadian Legion and the individuals who donated team jackets and wish to stay anonymous. Thanks to all who gave their time to help prepare the kids for their games and to get them to Sudbury.

Also, I wish to acknowledge Reuben Maughan who practised and prepared along with the team as our fifth curler and was willing to drop everything to come out and play in Sudbury if one of our curlers

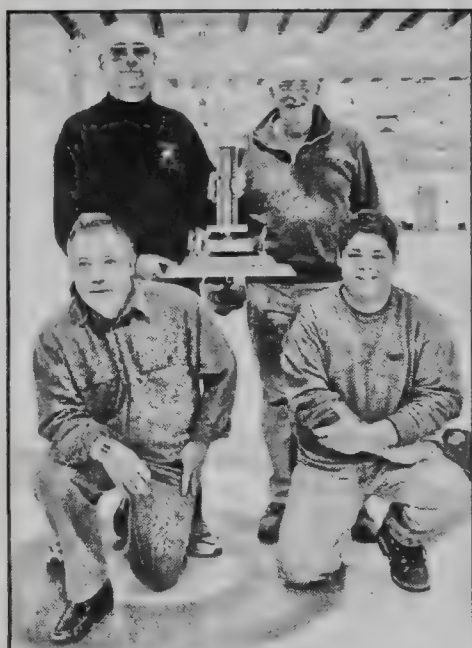


Sarah Oakley, Joann Varty, Dan Schell and Rob Ainsley represented JDHES at the Provincial elementary school curling championships recently in Sudbury.

could not.

Last, but not last, thank you to Rob Ainsley, Dan Schell, Sarah Oakley and Joann Varty who

gave up their Sunday evenings for extra practise, played hard, showed good sportsmanship and made us so proud.



FIRST PLACE:

Winners of Haliburton Rotary's annual Jack Robertson Memorial Bonspiel last Wednesday were: Dale Robinson, Bob Stinson, Jim Bradley and Hershel Jacobs.



SECOND PLACE:

Second place was won by the team of Lenny Salvatori, Vic Ibbotson, Ken Wilson and Joe Iles.



THIRD PLACE:

Third place was won by the team of Ross Davis, Larry Donaldson, Gerry White and Sue Cook, all of Penetang.



FOURTH PLACE:

In fourth place was the team of Jim Scheffee, Geoff Ainsley, Bob MacNaull and Goldie Foster.

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Husky Major Tykes hone skills for play-offs

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Husky Major Tykes

Sit down, relax and enjoy the updates for the Haliburton Husky Major Tykes' last seven games, which includes a tournament and the wrap-up to the first round of playoffs.

On February 23, the Huskies played host to Minden in their second game of the round robin. Minden got it going first with one from Jason Chapman, assisted by Robby Hicks. Haliburton answered back when Brady Yavis and Steven Jacobs combined their passing ability and moved it up to Jake Palmer who put it past Alex Cray-Monk in goal for Minden.

Unfortunately, that was the

only one Cray-Monk allowed by him all night. Curtis Nichol again played a great role in keeping the game close, turning away many and making some fantastic displays to keep the fans in awe.

Minden got two more before the game was out. Matthew Robins scored in the second with assists going to Paddy Manuge and Ryan Smith. With only seconds left in the game, Ryan Smith put one in Haliburton's net. Assisting on the play was Matthew Robins and Jason Chapman.

Despite Haliburton's best efforts this night, Minden was victorious with a score of 3 - 1.

The following Friday night,

Haliburton made a trip to Bobcaygeon. Curtis Nichol did everything but stand on his head to stop all but four shots on the night. Haliburton was able to do the equivalent at the other end. Haliburton's scoring consisted of Daniel Sisson with three goals and Craig Mulholland with one. Assists were earned by Craig Mulholland, Jordan Roberts, Daniel Sisson, Luke Watson, Steven Jacobs, Brady Yavis, Adam vanNood and Jake Palmer.

The team pulled together and deserved the well-earned tie of 4 - 4.

The following day, the team participated in, and very much

enjoyed, a Major Tyke tournament hosted by the Minden Monarchs. Haliburton's first game was against Elmvale. Haliburton came out very sluggish and was unable to recover from Elmvale's strength. Assisting during this game was Luke Watson, Brett Yavis, Jake Palmer and Steven Jacobs. Benefiting from these passes were Craig Mulholland and Brady Yavis.

Haliburton lost in round one, 6 - 2. Gavin Barker did a great job between the pipes, stopping many in his path.

The second game was against Sutton. Haliburton came out skating and never let up. Luke Watson made his much-anti-

pated job in net look like there may be a future in this position. Scoring for Haliburton during this game were Jake Palmer with two, Steven Jacobs and Craig Mulholland. Assists were earned by Steven Jacobs, Brady Yavis with two, Curtis Nichol, Jordan Roberts, Gavin Barker and Brett Yavis.

Final score was 4 - 0.

The victory put Haliburton in the C finals against a much-talked about team from Clarington. The whispers in the lobby about Clarington's two "select" players that also play for Oshawa gave the Haliburton boys something to prove. The Tykes played like they had never played before. Haliburton opened the scoring late in the third when Jordan Roberts moved it up to Jake Palmer who made a beauty of a pass to Brady Yavis who then banged it in the net.

Haliburton got three more in the second. Luke Watson, Jake Palmer and Craig Mulholland each got one with assists going to Brady Yavis, Gavin Barker, Adam vanNood with two, Jake Palmer and Luke Watson.

Steven Jacobs stopped many shots before Clarington was able to get one by him late in the second. Clarington got two more in the third but the team pulled together and shut them down for the last eight minutes to take the C championship with a 4 - 3 victory.

Steven Jacobs, Craig Mulholland and Jake Palmer earned MVPs for games one, two and three, but it is a team sport and everyone makes a victory happen. Therefore, every player deserved an award. Jordan Roberts, Curtis Nichol, Brady Yavis, Brett Yavis, Gavin Barker, Adam vanNood and Luke Watson all played as MVPs. Great tournament, boys.

The next day was back to playoffs again. Haliburton played host to Bobcaygeon as they made their return trip to the Highlands. The boys were noticeably tired from the previous day, but did their best. Bobcaygeon was victorious this day with a 7 - 5 win. Scoring for Haliburton were Brady Yavis and Daniel Sisson with four. Assisting this day were Brett Yavis, Craig Mulholland, and Jake Palmer. Curtis Nichol did his usual great job in net.

The final game happened on March 6, when the Huskies travelled to Fenelon Falls. Fenelon gained an early two-goal lead before Haliburton was able to answer back with three consecutive goals. Steven Jacobs earned the first goal with the assist going to Jake Palmer. Scott Griffith got Haliburton's next two on defensive rushes. Fenelon was able to tie the game up on a two-man advantage, but Haliburton held on for the tie. Curtis Nichol made some great stops using almost every part of his body.

The Huskies now have to face Fenelon Falls in a best-of-three series beginning on Sunday, March 14 in Fenelon Falls. The next home game for Haliburton is on Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m. Winner of this series will be the Division B Champions.

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Atom B Huskies pull out all stops, but can't stop Rockets

DAN MacMILLAN

Atom B Huskies

Hockey fans have got to love the Tri-County Atom B championship round. It's the best I've seen in awhile.

Leading one game to none in a best-of-seven series, the Roberts-Austin/Hockey Haven Huskies travelled to Wilberforce this past Saturday. Wouldn't you know it, the Rockets were ready and waiting.

Only 35 seconds into the game, Wilberforce went up 1 to 0. To say that this sent the Huskies reeling would be an understatement, but they soon regained their composure. About three minutes later, Haliburton tied it up when Kevin Crofts scored from Dylan Metcalfe and Jenny Perrott.

Both teams then played each other

extremely closely. Early in the second, the Rockets scored on a power play to take back the lead. The Huskies kept trying to muster some sort of an attack but Wilberforce's checking game was relentless. Adam Trueman had to be very sharp in goal just to keep Haliburton in this game.

Late in the third, the Huskies even tried pulling their goalie. Although they had several good scoring chances the Rockets' goaltender, Chris Robbins, turned aside everything Haliburton fired at him to preserve a Wilberforce 2 to 1 win.

The four-out-of-seven series is tied at one game apiece which, basically, now makes it a three-out-of-five series.

The next game in this series is back in Haliburton on March 10 at 7 p.m.



FOUR FOURS WINS: T. J. Clark of Peterborough, left, was the lucky winner of a Yamaha V-Max 600 snowmobile with his hand of four fours in the Haliburton Forest Poker Run. More than 800 participants rode in the event.

Poker Run raises more than \$11,000 for health-care expansion projects

On February 20, Haliburton Forest hosted the 11th annual Poker Run, supported by the Kennisis Lake business community.

More than 800 participants on their snowmobiles headed out onto the trails encountering perfect conditions.

The checkpoints were staffed, as every year, by Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, Windermere Cottage Resort, Kennisis Lake Lodge, Kennisis Carpentry and Haliburton Forest. Pancakes, cookies, sausages, and lots of hot chocolate along the way kept the riders well fortified.

Upon return, hundreds of prizes, donated by local businesses, were up for grabs. The first prize, however, a Yamaha V-Max 600 snowmobile, was to be awarded to the contestant with the highest poker hand. The lucky winner was T. J. Clark of Peterborough with a hand of four fours.

The other winner is the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for which more than \$11,000 was collected during this perfect day of snowmobiling.

Tournament of Hearts draws keen competition

The Ladies 5th Annual Tournament of Hearts Bonspiel was held at the Haliburton Curling Club on February 12. Sixteen teams, divided into two draws, played two games each. All the teams participated in a precision testing "Draw to the Button" competition. The bonspiel was sponsored by Danielle's Hair Salon and the Haliburton IGA. Shirley Howse coordinated the event with Joan and Don Cameron as the draw masters.

The winning team of the first draw consisted of skip Doris Winters, Sandra Glecoff, Marg Brogden and Judy Phipps. Second place went to Mary Lou Mizzan's team which included Shirley Howse, Eleanor Young and Lorna Burtch. In the Draw to the Button contest, a coin pitching match by the skips broke the tie between the teams of Fern Timbers and Doris Winters. Fern Timbers' team con-

sisting of Fern, Audrey Hewitt, Betty Moffatt and Betty Albett was declared the winner.

Second draw winners were Bunny Scott, Chris Ricketts, and Pat Norman, skipped by Pat Hamill. Joan Cameron's team with Joan, Kate Frazer, Yvonne Johnson and Freda Norman won second place. The Draw to the Button winner was Marg Bull's team of Marg, Gloria Foster, Ila Griffin and Adele Woodley.

Overall team winner for the day was skip Ruth Schell with Sally Craig, Doreen deGrave and Sadie Reid.

The day was full of keen competition and unexpected entertainment. A surprise stalker stopped play in the morning. The finale of the day was a hilarious imitation of the "Spice Girls" performed by the talented men of the Haliburton Seniors Curling Club.



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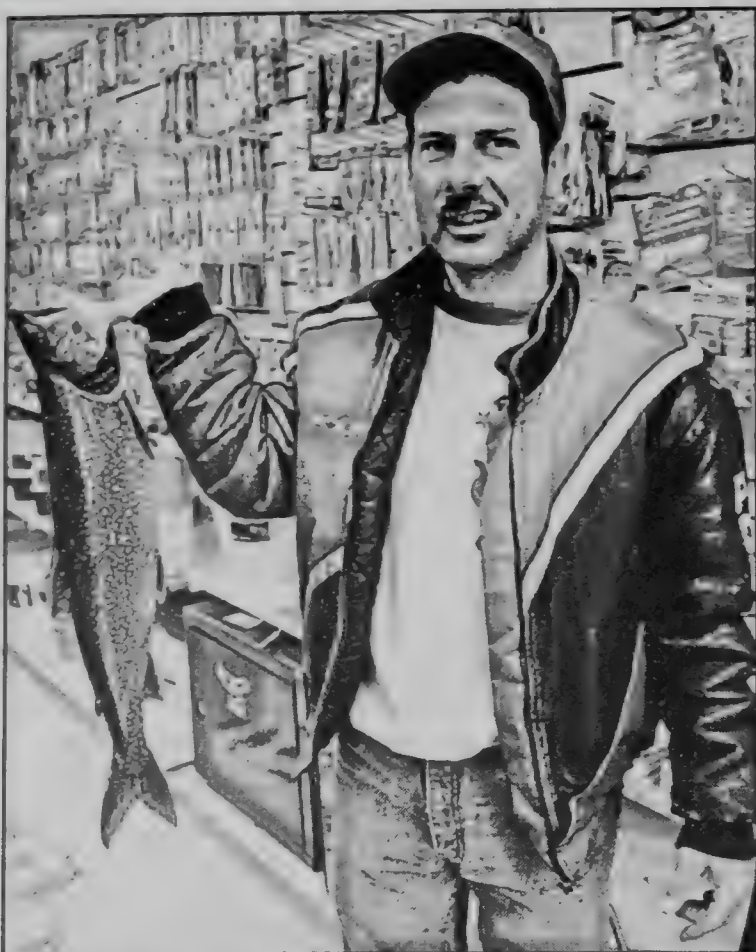
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CATCH OF THE DAY: Haliburton's Alvis Hogan shows off the 29-inch, eight-pound lake trout he caught on Feb. 22 while ice fishing on Eagle Lake after having it weighed at Outdoors Plus. The fish isn't a record for the area, but it's a very respectable catch.

Walsh rink has right mix for Monmouth mixed bonspiel

If you are going to win the Monmouth Curling Club's Annual Mixed Bonspiel you have got to have support of the right mix at vice, second and lead; and that's just what skip Max Walsh put together at the club's Wilberforce rink.

With wife, Roberta, at vice, Ted Nottage, second, and Linda Nottage leading off, the Walsh rink swept the field for a 12 - 3 win of their final game and an eight-point lead in the final tally.

Second place honours went to a foursome skipped by Ed Morais, who had Wilf LePage at vice, Jim Burke, second, and Jill Burke, lead.

Skip Harry Dale had to settle for third spot despite a determined effort from vice Chuck and second Marilyn, also of the Dale clan. Marlene Niles subbed at lead for Harry's wife, Mary, who had to sit this one out with a touch of the flu.

With a field of 10 rinks, this year's mixed spiel had things hopping from dawn to dusk at the club's two-ice rink.

Convenors, Stan and Marlene Niles, were more than equal to the task, keeping things moving bang on schedule for the wind-

up banquet, a tasty hot meal prepared and served by chef Veda Dowdall and her crew of helpers.



THE WINNING RECIPE:

That's what was required to win the Monmouth Curling Club's Mixed Bonspiel. The ingredients, left to right, were skip Max Walsh, Roberta Walsh, Linda and Ted Nottage.

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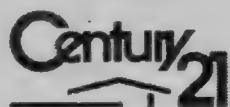
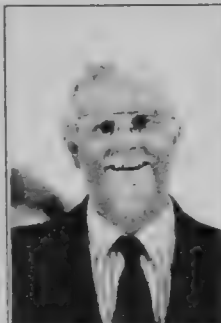
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Mentally ill want chance to earn 'honest wage'

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Mental illness may make it difficult for some people to hold down a full-time job, but it doesn't diminish their need or ability to contribute to the local

economy – and society in general.

So rather than try to fit their mental illness around the demands of a job, a group of consumer/survivors wants to fit a job around their mental illness.

They're looking for suggestions for a local business or light industry they can start and operate,

giving hope and an opportunity for "an honest wage" to those with mental illness.

"We're not stupid, we're not incapable, we just can't do it by the norm," says one of the members of "we're OK" (Opportunity Knocks Planning Group.)

"The Ministry of Health is

geared to 'taking care' of us, which makes us feel dependent and takes away our self-esteem," adds another member. "We're not that way. We have our limits but we are still capable of contributing..."

"Sometimes we feel well enough to go back to work, but if

we try and find out we can't we've lost our benefits and have to start all over again, and we don't get enough to live on to begin with."

Stress can be one of the triggers for someone with a mental illness, so the stresses of a full-time job can lead to difficulties. So can deadlines and rigid timetables.

By running their own business, the group will be able to ensure the business takes the needs of the participants into account. Perhaps a consumer/survivor can work two hours a day, perhaps he or she can work only one day a month. All will be welcomed and encouraged to participate.

"We're all in the same boat – it's important for all of us to know we all have the same troubles," says a group member.

Volunteers with business experience are also invited to take part.

If the business goes well, the profits could help to fund such things as a drop-in social centre for people with mental illness.

The group isn't expecting the business to be in the retail sector, but there are many other possibilities, from light manufacturing, to services such as housecleaning. Any and all ideas are welcomed by the group.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Evelyn Rudd 457-9863.



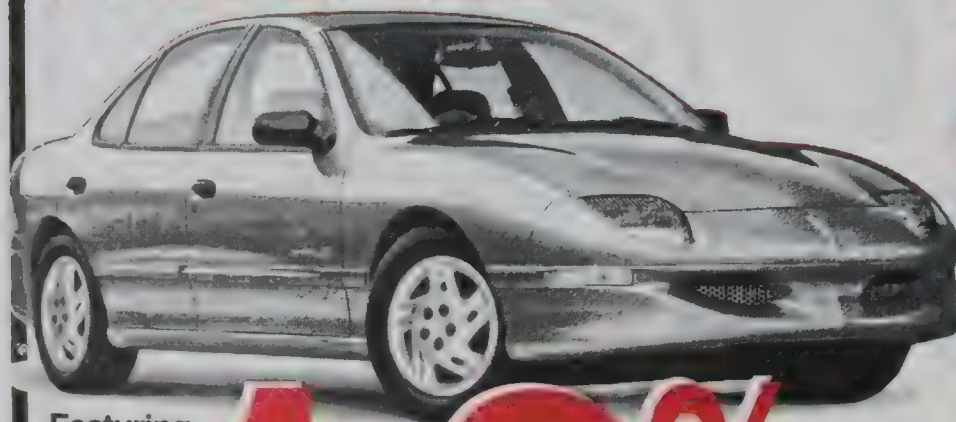
FUN IN THE SUN ... AND SNOW:

Students from Victoria Street School went to YMCA Camp Wanakita Friday to enjoy a beautifully sunny day filled with winter activities. Camp staff helped teachers organize events for students at several activity centres. At left, some students try their luck on Cardiac Hill, while another student builds a snow castle.

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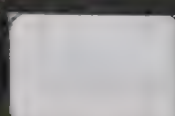
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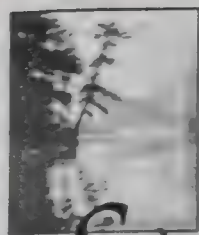
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Teens make parents happy – and kids, too – in Family Services' volunteer program

JAMIE READ

HHSS Co-op Student

TEENAGERS are sometimes known to drive their parents crazy, but they now have a way they can make some parents' lives easier.

Family Services of Haliburton County is offering the "Kid Kompanion" program which is much like the national Big Brothers/Sisters program. Anyone 16 years of age or older can volunteer 2-3 hours a week or more to take their "kompanion" to different events around the community and enjoy activities such as swimming, skating, and even tutoring for homework if needed.

This program offers friendship, positive role models for the children, new experiences and most importantly, fun. While the program is partly aimed at giving busy parents a break, it also gives the volunteers a nice break from their own busy lives.

Teen volunteers Brandi Hewson and Jen Logan agree, "It's a really nice break from school. It's really nice to see the kids grow from our help."

Logan has been with her "kid" for a year and Hewson has been with hers for five months and both say they have enjoyed every second of it.

"It's nice to give something positive back to the community," says Hewson.

They also agree that it is very satisfying to be looked up to as a role model and watch their kids as they grow up to become positive role models for the community themselves.

"They are very well behaved. I really look forward to meeting with my kid every week," says Logan.

Though the program has been very positive and successful, the girls are working to recruit more teenage volunteers from the high school and are trying to spread the word to teens of all the rewards one achieves by volunteering.

The girls say that there is also a need for more male volunteers because of the fact that there are

See **Male teenagers** page 18



For Grade 12 student Willow Hawkins, visiting with Haliburton Extendicare residents such as Mary Hollett once a week is not only enjoyable, but also helpful as she prepares to enter the work world

Volunteering Pays

JAMIE READ

HHSS Co-op Student

BEGINNING NEXT YEAR with a fresh new batch of Grade 9 students, volunteer work will be an integral part of educational learning.

Volunteering will be counted as a diploma requirement. Students will be required to do at least 40 hours of "unpaid community involvement activities" throughout their high school career, in addition to the 30 credits they need to graduate.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School guidance counsellor Chris Duchene has been encouraging teens to participate in volunteer work for several years, promoting it to them when they reach Grade 10.

"Volunteering from an early age makes you a well rounded person," she says. "It gives

your potential employer a chance to see that you have gone out to do something useful and beneficial on your own time. It shows willingness to help others and responsibility."

Al Oakley, head of the guidance department, says "volunteer work also helps you when it comes to applying for college or university. You have more one-on-one experience and knowledge in the field your pursuing because they really want to know the nature of your involvement. If your marks are 3% below the mark-off when applying to post-secondary schools, volunteer work and experience will make up for the low mark and give you a better chance of being accepted."

In today's society, it is hard for youths to get jobs: they have no experience so businesses won't hire them and they can't get experience until they have a job. It's an unfortunate but preventable vicious cycle.

Now more teenagers are taking the initiative and showing responsibility by going out in the community on their own and achieving the experience they need to succeed in the future and adapt to the working world by volunteering.

Grade 12 student April Anderson is volunteering with a special needs student in the high school. April volunteers on her own time during her spare period. "I'm not getting any credits for this but I will get a letter of recommendation. I want to be a nurse and this is really good hands-on experience for me. I enjoy working with children with special needs, they are very intelligent. I've learned a lot about life from them and not to take little things like walking for granted."

"Instead of spending my spare period doing nothing in the cafeteria, I'm contributing positive things for this community and I'm also learning a lot about myself and getting the

knowledge necessary for my future."

Fellow Grade 12 high school student Willow Hawkins volunteers once a week at Extendicare. Willow also goes on her own time and is not receiving any school credits for her work.

Willow says that she is shy and admits, "it's really nice to see them smile and have fun with them. I'm not only doing this because I enjoy it but because it helps me become more outspoken and outgoing with people."

Willow, like a growing number of teens, also realizes that although volunteer work does not pay with any tangible resources, it benefits your knowledge and experience and gets your foot into the door towards your future.

Teenagers wishing to volunteer should set up an appointment with a guidance counsellor to discuss possibilities.

Writing dream comes true at Haliburton Echo

JAMIE READ

HHSS Co-op Student

Walking towards the *Echo* building recently, I was asking myself, "Will they like me?", "Am I really prepared and committed to do this?"

Journalism has always been a dream of mine and when the opportunity to write for *The Haliburton Echo* came up, I jumped at the chance.

Like most Grade 12 students, I am now in the process of contemplating what my future holds in store, where to go to college, what courses to take, etc. Working for the *Echo*, I realize that I will receive hands-on experience to prepare me for the world (or county) of media which I am nervously plunging into.

My reasons for wanting to become a journalist are due to my need to learn new and interesting things about people, places, things and being able to share what I have learned and experienced with the people around me. Oh yeah, and I love to write.

I hope people in this small community will enjoy reading

what I have written as much as I will enjoy researching, interviewing, and ultimately writing. (Also, the fact that I will achieve two high school credits for my work is a definite perk!)

Ultimately though, my main reasoning to do co-op here is because I want to learn as much as I can about journalism before I pack off and head towards my future. I enjoy reading *The Echo* and I know I will enjoy even more of becoming a part of this team.

I am much more relaxed than I was before my interview. Everyone working here is so friendly and easy-going that a nervous high school kid like me couldn't help but feel welcome.

Well Haliburton County, I must say I am really looking forward to sharing these next upcoming months with you, writing for you, learning about you, and my favourite part, sharing information that you had not been aware of.

With this I will say that it has been nice meeting you and I guarantee you will be hearing from me very soon again and hopefully with something you will enjoy!



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE:

Jamie Read's placement at *The Echo* will help to give her the vital experience she will need to pursue her dream of becoming a journalist

Male teenagers especially needed to act as Kid Kompanion role models

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young boys around the community who would be more comfortable and prefer a male role model.

Volunteer co-ordinator Marilou Mizzan can't stress enough how important a pro-

gram like this is for parents, but she also stresses how important it is for young people to get involved and volunteer.

"Not only is this a wonderful opportunity for the parents to have a break and have younger influences in their child's life, it builds character, develops

responsibility, and introduces teenagers to community life in a broader perspective."

If you are of age and are interested in volunteering, contact the Family Services of Haliburton County at 457-5345 from Monday to Friday and ask for Marilou Mizzan.

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On the Road

New community transportation service has hit the streets

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Don't expect to see a subway running between Haliburton and Minden any time soon, but a new transportation service that began this week aims to make it easier for many in the county to get around.

In a six-month pilot project partially funded by the province, Haliburton Highlands Transportation will try to improve mobility for those without access to vehicles.

The user-pay service, co-ordinated by Haliburton County Home Support Services, will match up people who want a ride to various locations with drivers to take them there. It will also charter buses for group travel.

The committee overseeing the project plans to look at the feasibility of establishing a regular shuttle bus — perhaps one or two days per week — between popular destinations.

"The service will take what currently exists in Haliburton County and put it to better use," said co-ordinator Marilyn Pennycook. "It's shared transportation and anybody can use it."

Several organizations worked together on a committee for the past year to get the service up and running on March 1.

Home Support was chosen as the lead agency to co-ordinate the project because it already has a large roster of volunteer drivers, who will make up the back-bone of the service.

Pennycook, who co-ordinates Home Support's transportation



NEED A RIDE? Marilyn Pennycook, standing, co-ordinates the program with the assistance of Susan Bell out of the Haliburton County Home Support Services office.

program, will manage the new service with the assistance of Susan Bell.

The provincial government has granted the committee nearly \$50,000 through its Community Transportation Action Program to help operate the pilot project for six months. After that there will be no additional funding and the service is expected to pay for itself.

"If it doesn't fly in six months, that's it. It'll be over," said Pennycook.

The way the service will work is as follows:

- Someone who wants to go from Haliburton to Peterborough or Minden, for example, will call the transportation centre at Home Support and tell them they are looking for a ride;

- If a Home Support driver is already booked to take someone to the same location that day, the customer will be offered the chance to go along at that time and return at the same scheduled time. If the timing of the ride doesn't fit the customer's

plans, they can try to book a ride with another driver.

The service is not free and the cost of travel is less expensive when more passengers share a ride. Rates are tied to the distance of the trip.

Home Support pays its volunteer drivers 33 cents per kilometre for gas and vehicle maintenance, but they aren't paid for their driving time or the time they spend waiting at a destination to return their passengers.

The transportation service's rates have to cover administration costs along with maintenance fees paid to drivers, said Pennycook.

For two passengers taking a trip return trip to Peterborough, for example, it would cost \$47 each from Haliburton, \$51 each from Minden, \$42 each from Wilberforce, \$64 each from Dorset and \$42 each from Cardiff.

Where there are large groups of people who want to go to the same location — such as a group of students who'd like to see a hockey game in Peterborough — the transportation service would arrange to charter a bus, said Pennycook.

The committee overseeing the project will also look at the feasibility of a regularly scheduled shuttle bus service — perhaps one day or two a week — between popular destinations.

It may even be possible for the transportation service to make use of school buses, which sometimes travel empty after delivering students, said Pennycook.

Some form of transportation system for the county has been under discussion by various groups and committees for about a decade.

It's hoped the new service will give mobility to the many residents in the county who can't drive themselves, said Pennycook.

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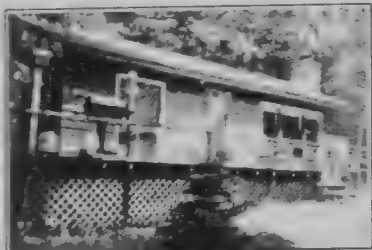
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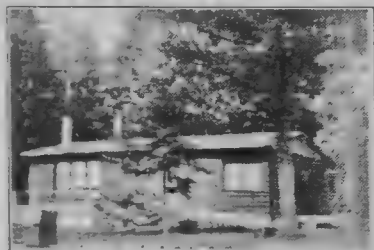


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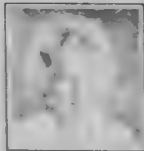


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No serious injuries result from Trappers Trail accident

On March 3, Minden/Coboconk OPP investigated a head-on collision on Highway 121, near Trappers Trail in Haliburton County.

Driver Paul Maw and his passenger, Billy Maw, as well as driver Ivan Francis and his passenger Richard Wilding, all from Dysart Twp., were transported to Haliburton County Hospital.

All four individuals involved were released from hospital, with no serious injuries. There were no charges issued in this matter.

New hours for Minden and Coboconk OPP offices

The administrative department of the Minden OPP office on Highway 35 will be open daily, Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office had been operating on extended evening hours, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. These hours have been ceased at this time, and will be reinstated mid-May to mid-September, in order to better meet the needs of the community.

The administrative department of the Coboconk OPP office on County Road 48 has been reopened. The office hours are daily, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ontario Provincial Police Constables are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in both the Minden and Coboconk

areas.

If you need assistance, please call 1-888-310-1122 (24 hour emergency service).

Break, enter and thefts

On February 26, Minden/Coboconk OPP investigated a break and enter at a cottage on McGuire Beach Rd. in Carden Twp. The owner advised that it had occurred sometime since February 20, 1999.

Stolen from the cottage were an out-board motor and some tools.

On February 26, police investigated a break and enter at a cottage on West Lake Rd. in Dysart Twp. The owner advised that his snowblower and 1977 Ski-doo had been stolen.

On February 27, police investigated a break and enter at a residence on North Water St. in the Village of Minden. The owner advised that suspects broke into his shed and stole his Honda 2200 generator.

Theft of snowmobile

On March 3, police investigated the theft of a 1989 Polaris Indy 500, black in colour, from Bob Lake Rd., in Minden Twp. The owner advised that the snowmobile had been stolen sometime since the 14th of February.

OPP release drawing of suspect in the recent "home invasion" in Haliburton

Police have released a composite drawing of a suspect in last week's home invasion robbery in Haliburton and are hoping the public will help them identify the man.

The suspect, described as clean-cut looking, is about 20 years old, five-foot eight inches in height and approximately 130 pounds.

Police say the suspect and an unknown number of others stole an undisclosed amount of cash from a single victim in a home invasion on Feb. 27. The victim was held in a bedroom while the home was ransacked. One of the suspects was armed with a gun during the robbery.

Members of the Central Region Criminal Investigation Unit are investigating the crime with the assistance of the Minden/Coboconk OPP.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Constable Terry Allore of the Minden OPP at (705) 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.



This is a composite drawing of a man, described as clean-cut, 20-year-old and 5'8" tall.



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Flu bug, storm hit residents' plans

Hyland crest news —
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Our tea party turned out just great. The group who had been scheduled had to cancel out and the dietary staff provided a lovely tea and, with the help of volunteers, we thoroughly enjoyed our birthday tea.

It was the first birthday celebration for Ruby Williams here in her new home and she was pleased with the birthday cake provided and her visitors

who joined her, her daughter, granddaughter, and great grandson.

That evening "A Joyful Noise" visited with us and wonderfully entertained us, although we did miss Claire's voice - get better soon, Claire. This group has become very popular with us. They are a fine group of young people and we appreciate them being with us.

The following afternoon, the Grandfathers were here for our happy hour. The weekend was quiet here. There were some visitors in on Saturday before the weather turned.

We were sorry to miss

The Salvation Army monthly visit on March 1. This group was stricken with the flu.

Also, this day we welcomed our newest resident, Ada Heginbottom, who hails from the Carnarvon area. The following day, a group of us gathered for chapel with Barbara Trocewicz.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Lee Oster on March 1. Lee Oster was well known to us here as he was a frequent visitor with us. We will miss him. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Our scheduled bus trip

last week, to visit the deer feeding station at Brady Lake, had to be cancelled due to the stormy weather, but we were happy to hear it has been rescheduled for March 8.

Before we say goodbye we must send out our birthday greetings to Evelyn Cox, who celebrates on March 10, and Fern Weldon, who celebrates on the 11th. Enjoy your day, ladies.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Kenneth Hubert Anderson, who passed away February 23. Kenneth was once a resident here at Hyland Crest two or three years ago.

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The Guides, Brownies and Sparks are all in need of leaders. If any ladies have a bit of spare time and like working with children, please give Christine Dukoff a call at 766-9684 and she will be glad to hear from you. This is very rewarding work and guiding is a very healthy activity for the youngsters.

Also, anyone with special skills - hand work, first aid, etc., if you could spend some time teaching the girls, it would be

appreciated. Call the number above.

March actually came in like a lamb but the lion was close behind, in fact, snapping at the lamb's heels. We can be either consoled or unhappy about what we can expect for the rest of March, whatever it is we are stuck with it.

The Friendship Luncheon was delicious as usual and well attended. The next luncheon will be on Thursday, March 18. These luncheons are sponsored by the Muskoka Seniors Home Assistance. They also offer frozen meals, which they will deliver at the time of the luncheons. Handy to have in the freezer, when you can't decide what to have for dinner.

The Dorset Seniors Club had its March meeting on

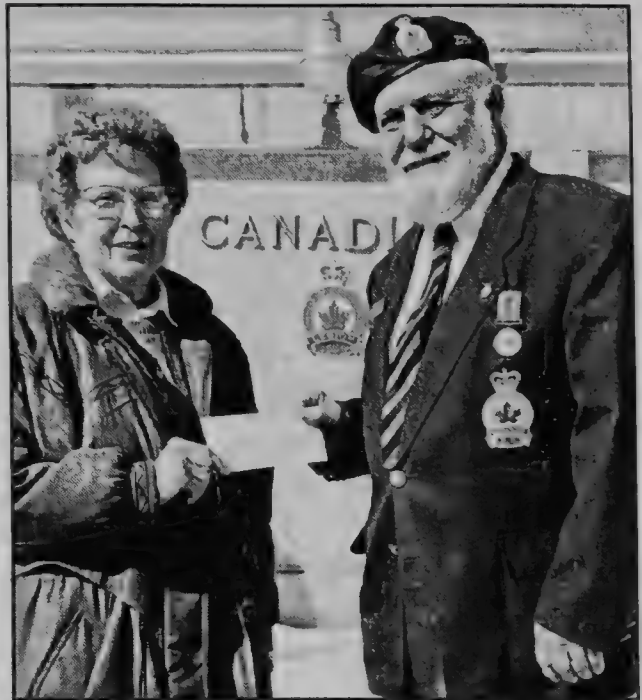
March 3. Instead of having the usual finger food pot luck lunch, they had chunky soup and a sandwich, and the club supplied ice cream and cookies for dessert. It was great. A general meeting followed and then games. It was a blowy, wintery day, but the turnout was good.

The World Day of Prayer was held in Knox United Church, Dorset. The theme this year was Venezuela; the Christian women of that country prepared the program and it was a lovely service. Although the country is rich in natural resources, oil being the main one, there is a great deal of poverty throughout the country, the children being deprived of education and have to work at an early age to help sup-

port the family. There is also a great deal of violence. Even the poorest in our country fare better than the Venezuelan children. We should consider ourselves fortunate.

March Break for the schools is coming up beginning on March 13. So moms are going to have the youngsters at home for some time unless they are lucky enough to be taking a trip to some place of interest. I guess most moms plan some special activities during that time. In many cases, both parents are employed which makes it difficult. Have fun whatever.

H.H. When using raisins in any baking, they should be put in boiling water for a few minutes then drained before putting in the batter..



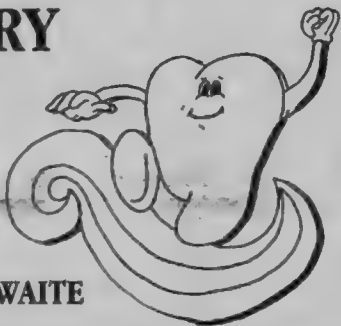
Halliburton Legionnaire Ed Pickard presents \$1,500 to Phyllis Woodcock, the Cancer Society's local representative. Half the money was raised at the Jack Bassett Memorial Bonspiel and the Legion matched it.

A DISCIPLE

by JACK HILL

We had a picnic on the hill,
Great crowds were there, with voices shrill.
We talked and laughed, 'twas so much fun,
All heedless of the burning sun.
Then a timid breeze came from the sea;
He looked around, and He smiled - at me.
He gently spoke, and all was still,
The laughter died upon that hill.
He called the children who couldn't see,
And they gathered 'round His bended knee.
I could clearly hear His quiet voice,
But was drawn up close, there seemed - no choice.
The time sped by so fast that I
Ignored the darkening of the sky.
I watched the crowd, their baskets fill
While the sun went to rest in Judean hills;
And high above, a great white bird
Caused me to contemplate His word - The Word.
We walked along the dusty road,
His shoulders bore a heavy load.
His voice was soft, and when He smiled,
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Community joins in welcoming minister and his wife

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
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Congratulations to our young neighbour, Kris-toffer Cox, son of Cindy and Earl Cox, who received recognition as one of the super story-tellers at the Legion.

Bethany Chumbley has been home during her reading week from Durham College, Oshawa, where she is in her second year in the early childhood education course.

West Guilford residents, not only the Baptist

Church-goers, are so pleased to have Paul and Linda Benson permanently in charge of the Baptist Church here. Paul's preaching and leadership, together with Linda's gifted, musicianship, are gifts that are appreciated by all who attend any of the services or functions there.

Marilyn McKay and Bessie Mason of Kearney were visitors with Cecilia Scott last week. They also dropped off a video for Elva Cooper and household of the service on August 16 in Kearney when the new bell tower was installed and the bell rung for the first time in memory of Bessie's brother, Ralph Bice.

er, Ralph Bice.

On March 4, 25 ladies gathered at the Baptist Church for LIFT to enjoy the theme of "charging batteries", the first speaker being Nigel Atkinson of Carnarvon re: a jiffy maintenance course on cars, and the second, Yvonne Hughes on recharging spiritual batteries. Robin Woodcock's singing once again blessed all in attendance.

About 25 people attended World Day of Prayer at Maple Lake United Church on Friday afternoon. Led by Myra Marshall, the message from the people of Venezuela blessed all who were

there. Hazel Dorman sang "He Touched the Hem of His Garment" and Kathleen Owens and I dramatized that particular story with Evelyn Coleman relating the script. Candles for each person were lit, one by one, representing the light of Jesus passing from one person to another.

A generous and delectable lunch was served following the service.

Submitted to me by Carole Bullen:

It has been a long time between meetings but on March 1 the Haliburton Highlands Rug Hooking Group started up again at the West Guilford

Community Centre.

In mid-January we co-hosted a tea at the Rails' End Gallery with their social committee and had a beautiful display set up along with demonstrations by some of our ladies. May Bradbury also had several hook-ins at her home which certainly brightened up the dull months of January and February.

The project rug designed by Marvella Smith and hooked by the group is completed and is being donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for their gala raffle in the summer of 1999.

Thanks to Northern Lights Embroidery in Haliburton for donating the identification tag for this piece.

We have a lot of good things planned for the spring session, not the least of which is getting ready for the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild's Annual Conference the weekend of April 30 in Agincourt. Our group will be well represented this year. It's a lot of fun, taking a 19th Century craft into the 21st Century.

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Things to do in the Highlands community calendar

- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - Victoria County Ross Memorial Hospital (ground floor): The OBSP is an organized screening program which has systematic recruitment, recall and follow-up. Offering the woman, 50 years of age and over, Mammogram, Physical Examination and Teaching Self-Breast Examination. Call (705) 328-6175 for more information and to make an appointment (doctor referral not necessary). Presently offering the program on Thursdays.
- Starting March 8, and every Monday, **Chip's Bingo** in Gooderham. Doors open at 6 p.m. Early Birds start at 6:45 p.m., \$300 progressive jackpot, consolation \$50. Two Night Owls, all cards - 5 for \$1. Further info. call 488-2655 or 447-3185.
- Mar. 9: **Volunteer Mentoring Workshop** - Do you have the skills to mentor a youth? Most of us do but don't realize it. Join us on Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m. at Family Services office on Eastern Avenue for more information on becoming a volunteer, or call Marilou at 457-5345, Ex. 304.
- Mar. 12: "Death of a child" - **Grief support group for parents** of all ages whose child has died. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 to register for this evening group.
- Mar. 12: **Bereavement Training Course** - register for this 24-hour course beginning March 24. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811.
- Mar. 13: **Legion Ladies Auxiliary Flea Market**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, phone 457-1467. Proceeds to community projects.
- Mar. 13: **Burnt-Irondale Fisheries Enhancement Association, 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby**. Contau Lake, Gooderham, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. \$2,000 in prizes. Presentation of prizes at the Gooderham Community Centre at 4:30 p.m. Association promotes Live Release. All MNR regulations apply. \$20 entry fee. For more info contact Alan Bunn, 447-3456.
- Mar. 15 - 18: Plan to attend **CHACE Place during the week of March Break**. Games, activities and crafts for all ages. School age children welcome. Monday, March 15 - Music circle, crafts and games. Tuesday, March 16 - Movies, popcorn and games. Wednesday, March 17 - "P.J. Breakfast" starting at 10:00 a.m. Pancakes and sausage, 'wear your pajamas', call to sign-up, 457-2989. Thursday, March 18 - Open all day, 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.: daytime: **March Birthday Party**, games and crafts; evening: "Delicious Supper Party". Call to see what's on the menu and sign-up, 457-2989. Games available for school age children - Yahtzee, Twister and Crokinole!
- Mar. 17: **St. Patrick's Day Stew and Biscuit Luncheon**, Haliburton Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Adults \$5, 10 + under \$3.50. A Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser for electric beds.
- Mar. 17: **Haliburton and Area Acquired Brain Injury Support Meeting** for survivors and caregivers at Haliburton Access Centre on Hwy. 118, beside Municipal Garage, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call Maureen Johnson at 457-1600.
- Mar. 18: **Duplicate Bridge**, 1 p.m. every Thursday at Home Support. For additional information contact Home Support, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- Mar. 18: **Haliburton Legion 50 Plus Club**, Thursday, March 18, 4:30 - 9:00 p.m., dinner, dancing, games and election. Members \$5, guests \$7. For more info. call 457-9364.
- Mar. 20: **Haliburton Minor Hockey's Spring Fling**, featuring "Wild Ride", 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Upstairs at the Haliburton Arena. \$8 per person/\$15 per couple. Age of Majority required. Proceeds to Minor Hockey. Tickets available at Jug City, Haliburton, Sharpley Sports, LJ's Fashions.
- Mar. 23 & 27: **Stanhope Soccer League Registration**, March 23, 7 - 9 p.m. and March 27, 1 - 3 p.m. Boys and Girls, ages 5 - 13 as of January 1, 1999. Cost \$20. Stanhope Firefighters Hall, North Shore Rd., Carnarvon. Important - bring your health card! League will run Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30, June 29 to August 31.



G-R-R-R-E-A-T!!

Tony the Tiger and staff of the Haliburton IGA, including nutritionist Denise McLellan, provided all the kindergarten children at Victoria Street School with a free breakfast last Wednesday. Delighted by their breakfast companion were, clockwise from Tony, are Jasmin Purnell, John Ward, Jessica Kennedy, Natasha Branscombe and Johnna Hutchings.

Trillium funding available locally

The Trillium Foundation has \$5.1-million to give to community groups in the Durham, Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge region.

To help it decide who should benefit from a grant, 24 volunteers from the region have been chosen to pore over the applications. Groups involved in arts and culture, sports and recreation, social services and the environment are invited to apply for funding.

The community grants approved by such grant review teams across the

province will account for 80% of the total grants made available by the province. The remaining 20% of grants are earmarked for province-wide initiatives. These grants will be approved by Trillium's board of directors.

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Interest organizations may contact the local program managers Jacqueline Powell (ext. 425) or Joanne Richmond (ext. 426) at 1-800-263-2887.

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A HEARTFELT THANKS to all the family and the many friends and acquaintances who contributed in any way during the last two years of Gerry's life. First and foremost, to Jean Balkwill and her sister Lois; Faye, Mabel, Myra, Eileen, Carol, Dianne and Lissa and all the rest of the Roberts' family; and also to "Dean's" aunts, uncles and cousins. Then her special friends, Norma, sister "Snare", Sue T.; and thanks to all the churches in town for all their prayers and phone calls, etc. A very special thanks to Rev. Christopher Greaves at St. George's, we couldn't have made a better choice for Gerry's service. Thanks to everyone who brought food for the reception, and for the best neighbours in the world for helping. And to Dr. Conway, you will have our love and respect forever. And a big thanks to all the VON nurses that assisted us with Gerry's care, you are all the best. And thanks also to anyone we may have omitted, for all their financial help and cards of sympathy. Thanks to Barry and Kirsten and their staff at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home; also a special thanks to Kirsten for taping the service for me. **Pete, Gene, Janine and John, Tanya and Joe, Petey and Katie.**

DEAR FRIENDS: It is with enormous gratitude I thank you for all your well-wishes and prayers. I am so fortunate to know so many wonderful, caring folks. Thank you for all your kindness and the many treats. Sincerely, **Mary Bell.**

THANK YOU to our family, St. Anthony's Parish, CWL and dear friends for all the special things you've done for myself and Jamie during my recent surgery and after-care at Haliburton Hospital and at home. Also, to Dr. Bottum and the wonderful nursing care and kindness of all the staff. God bless you all, **Trisha Liddle.**

THE HALIBURTON YOUTH CURLERS would like to thank the following for making our bonspiel on February 27th a success: Donations from - Henwood's Variety, Kawartha Dairy, Dawson Insurance, Koshlong Marina, Village Donuts, Video City/Music City, Varty's Jewelry, Haliburton Lumber and Easton's valu-mart. Volunteers - Susan Schell, Diane Johnson, Miles Maughan, Bill Hare, Percy McBain, Jean Clark, Fraenzi Greber, Carol Puffer, Lise Ainsley and Marilou Mizzan.

WE WOULD like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the family and friends for all their prayers and visits to Doris during her stay at Extendicare. We would also like to thank all the hard working staff at Extendicare for all their help. And thanks to everyone for their help with our recent loss of Doris, all the cards, donations, flowers and comforting words. Thanks to all the ladies of the church who put on a beautiful lunch. Thanks to Pastor Gord Walsh for all his comforting words during the service of our mother and grandmother, it was beautiful. **Rick and Judy, Jenny, Pete, Gene, Janine and John, Tanya and Joe, Petey and Katie.**

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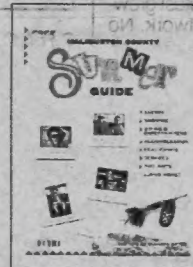
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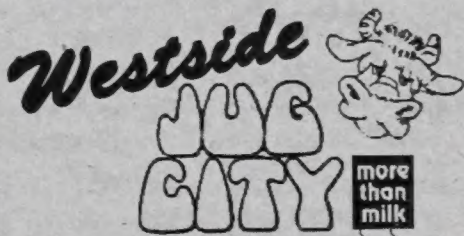
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Figure skaters prepare dazzling March 27 carnival while thespians get ready for "Laffing Room Only"

Members of the Wilberforce Figure Skating Club are busily preparing for their annual carnival to be held Saturday, March 27. Always entertaining, the show allows members to demonstrate their talents, and show off new skills learned through the season from club teacher and coach Linda Whitefield.

The World Day of Prayer service in this area was held at and led by the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church on Friday, March 5. The program, "God's

Tender Touch", written by women of Venezuela, included a presentation by speaker Lynn Benskin.

The Gentlemen of Song sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "Garment of Praise" in the choir section at the third annual Haliburton Highlands Music Festival last Thursday. Though several members were absent (flu, etc.), the choir was pleased with adjudication of their presentations.

As April 16 and 17 draw near for the presentation of this spring's play, the Loop Troupe members are pouring over scripts, learning lines, working

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out sets and gathering props and costumes.

"Laffing Room Only" is a comedy farce with a large cast of interesting characters. Why would Putney, the droll handyman caretaker, unpaid for some time, stay on at Whispering Pines? How will Gloria ever be able to fix the leaky roof or pay

off the Vermont taxes and the IRS? How will she ever cope when all sorts of unexpected guests start arriving? Why is Wilma Potaine, insurance investigator, looking for the stolen diamond necklace of rich socialite, Mrs. Martin, here — this is not an "in place". Lots of twists and turns of plot. Who are the crooks? Who are the honest folk? Do plan to see the show where it all gets revealed in the end.

Yes, we made a mistake in our little W. Heritage Guild Pancake Recipe book. On page 4 in Traditional Pancake, there should be 3 teaspoons of baking

powder included in the ingredients.

Sure hope all the 'flu' victims are recovering. It has surely laid a lot of people low in this area recently. But life goes on. Even without you, your curling team wins, plays get directed and dentists get rescheduled. A retreat builds one up for the effort to hit Toronto in Saturday's snowstorm to see the matinee performance Carmina Burana by Les Grands Ballet Canadiens then The Stone Angel by the Canadian Stage Company. Both were worth the effort of slugging through the slush and blowing snow.

Local Heroes funding available for active living projects in the county

Molson Breweries is looking for Local Heroes to brew up community spirit and active living in year two of the program.

Local Heroes is a community-oriented program whereby Molson provides top-up funding to individuals of legal drinking age to revitalize existing recreational facilities in their communities.

"The program was a phenomenal success in 1998, so we're back and geared up for another great year," says Marilyn McCrea, chair of the Ontario Local Heroes program. "Last year we funded 164 projects across the province. This year we hope to increase this by 20%."

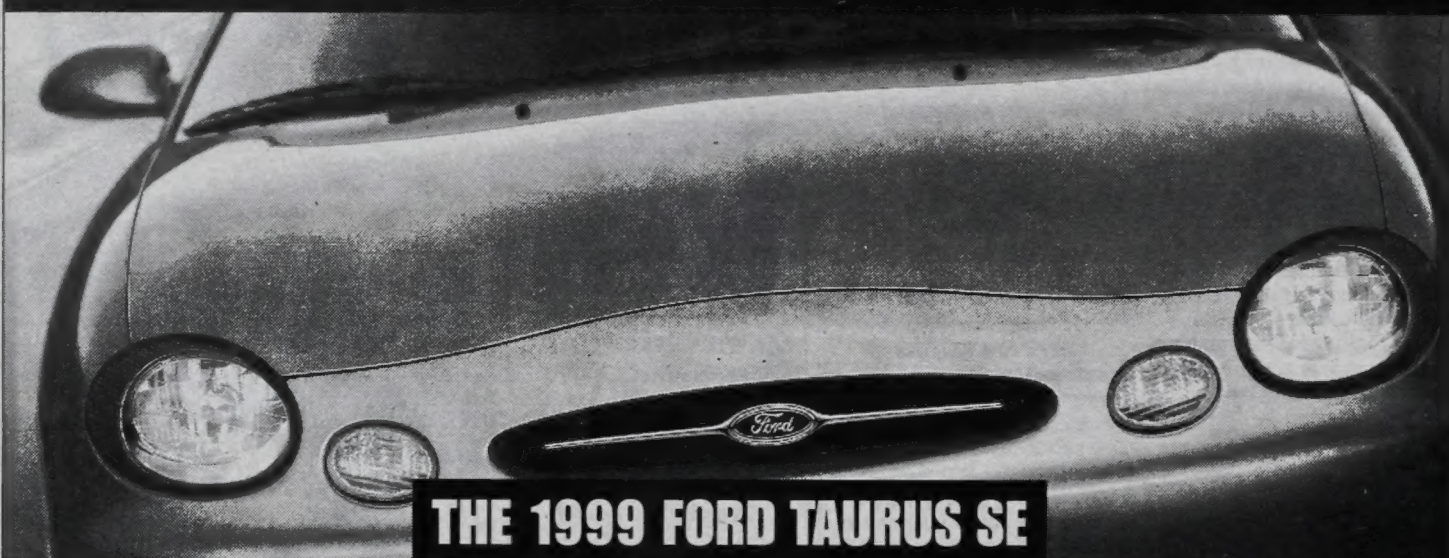
Local Heroes is designed to foster community spirit and encourage active participation in sport and recreational activities. Last year the most popular revitalization projects involved baseball fields, basketball courts, soccer pitches, hockey rinks and hiking trails with an average project cost of \$1,200.

Project funding ranges anywhere from \$50 to \$5,000. Projects are chosen by a local selection committee and are required to meet an established set of criteria. All funding is provided on a one-time basis and all applications must be submitted by individuals of legal drinking age.

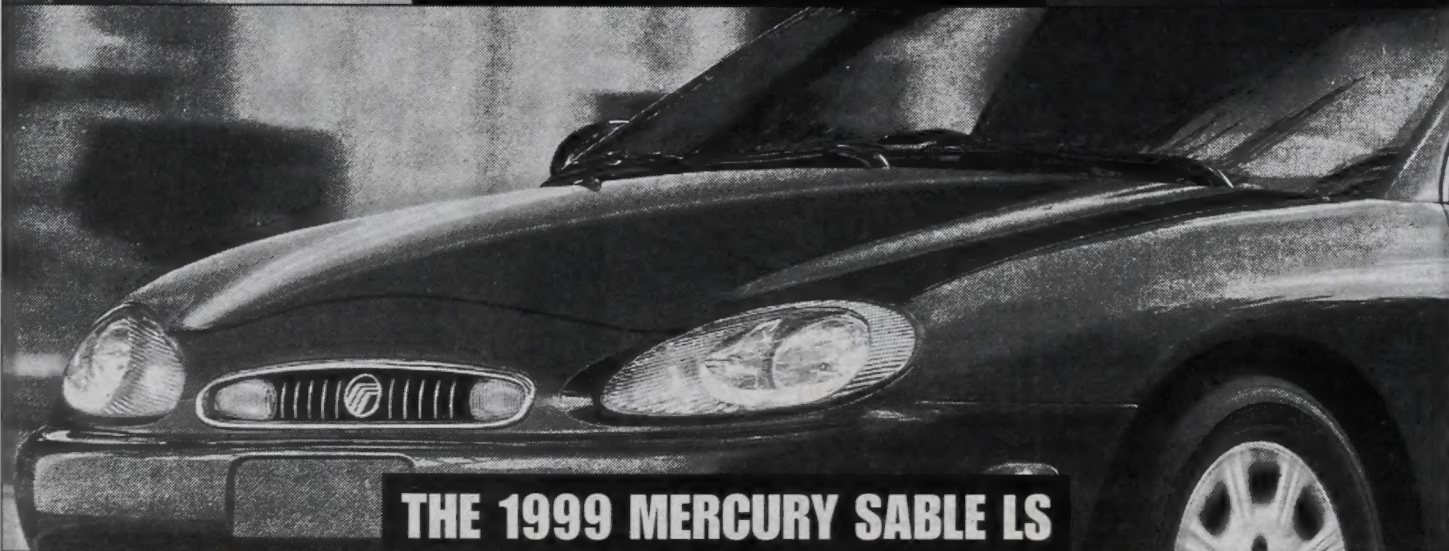
Local Heroes are responsible for co-ordinating the project, supplying the people power, arranging additional funding and securing the necessary permits while Molson funding pays for the materials. Projects should take place over the weekend and must be completed in a maximum of five days. All labour must be donated and completed projects must be free and accessible to everyone.

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